

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Quality Committee

Tuesday, August 12, 2025  
12:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM  
4800 Fournace Place, Bellaire, Texas 77401

The meeting may be viewed online at: <http://harrishealthtx.swagit.com/live>.

*Notice: Some Board Members may participate by videoconference.*

#### Mission

Harris Health is a community-focused academic healthcare system dedicated to improving the health of those most in need in Harris County through quality care delivery, coordination of care, and education.

## AGENDA

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| I. <b>Call to Order and Record of Attendance</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Dr. Andrea Caracostis</b> | <b>1 min</b>    |
| II. <b><u>Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Dr. Andrea Caracostis</b> | <b>2 min</b>    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quality Committee Meeting – April 8, 2025</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                              |                 |
| III. <b><u>Harris Health Safety Message: Minute for Medicine Video</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                              | <b>5 min</b>    |
| <b><u>– Dr. Yashwant Chathampally</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                              |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good Catches</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                              |                 |
| IV. <b>Executive Session</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Dr. Andrea Caracostis</b> | <b>80 min</b>   |
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| A. <b><u>Report Regarding Harris Health Correctional Health Quality of Medical and Healthcare, Pursuant to Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §§151.002, 160.007 and Tex. Health &amp; Safety Code Ann. §161.032 to Receive Peer Review and/or Medical Committee Report – Dr. O. Reggie Ekins</u></b>                                                                                                                             |                              | <i>(15 min)</i> |
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| B. <b><u>Report Regarding Quality of Medical and Healthcare, Pursuant to Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §§151.002, 160.007 and Tex. Health &amp; Safety Code Ann. §161.032, to Receive Peer Review and/or Medical Committee Reports in Connection with the Evaluation of the Quality of Medical and Healthcare Services, Including Report Regarding Harris Health Quality Review Councils – Dr. Yashwant Chathampally</u></b> |                              | <i>(50 min)</i> |
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| C. <b>Report by the Executive Vice President, Chief Compliance and Risk Officer, Regarding Compliance with Medicare, Medicaid, HIPAA and Other Federal and State Health Care Program Requirements and a Status of Fraud and Abuse Investigations, Pursuant to Tex. Health &amp; Safety Code Ann. §161.032, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session – Ms. Carolyn Jones</b>           |                              | <i>(15 min)</i> |

**V. Reconvene**

**Dr. Andrea Caracostis 1 min**

**VI. Adjournment**

**Dr. Andrea Caracostis 1 min**

**HARRIS HEALTH SYSTEM**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, April 8, 2025**  
**12:00 PM**

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS
<b>I. Call to Order and Record of Attendance</b>	Dr. Andrea Caracostis, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. It was noted that a quorum was present, and the attendance was recorded. The meeting may be viewed online through the Harris Health website: <a href="http://harrishealthtx.swagit.com/live">http://harrishealthtx.swagit.com/live</a> .	
<b>II. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quality Committee Meeting – March 11, 2025</li> </ul>	Moved by Ms. Sima Ladjevardian, seconded by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, and unanimously approved the minutes of the March 11, 2025 meeting.
<b>III. Harris Health Safety Message: Minute for Medicine Video</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informed Consent Done Right</li> </ul>	Dr. Steven Brass, Executive Vice President & Chief Medical Executive, presented a Minute for Medicine video series related to Informed Consent Done Right. A copy of the video series is available in the permanent record.	<b>As Presented.</b>
<b>IV. Presentation Regarding Workplace Safety &amp; Violence Prevention</b>	Dr. Jacqueline Brock, Executive Vice President and Chief Nursing Executive, delivered a presentation regarding Workplace Safety & Violence Prevention. Harris Health's commitment to Workplace Safety & Violence is unwavering. Current improvements and methods to get the message to people were presented, i.e., snippets from current videos demonstrating current efforts and programs. Some of the improvements include Workplace Safety Briefs, an updated website, and new workplace violence resources. A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record.	<b>As Presented.</b>
<b>V. Executive Session</b>	At 12:14 p.m., Dr. Caracostis stated that the Quality Committee of the Board of Trustees would go into Executive Session for items V. 'A through C' as permitted by law under Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032 and Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §§151.002, 160.007.	

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<b>B.</b> Report by the Executive Vice President, Chief Compliance and Risk Officer, Regarding Compliance with Medicare, Medicaid, HIPAA and Other Federal and State Health Care Program Requirements and a Status of Fraud and Abuse Investigations, Pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session		<b>No Action Taken.</b>

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<b>C.</b> Consultation with Attorney Regarding Quality Committee Charter, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, Including Consideration of Recommendation for Approval of Revisions to the Board of Trustees Quality Committee Charter		Moved by Ms. Sima Ladjevardian, seconded by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, and unanimously accepted that the Committee recommends that the Board accept item V.C., Revisions to the Board of Trustees Quality Committee Charter. Motion Carried.
<b>VI. Reconvene</b>	At 1:00 p.m., Dr. Andrea Caracostis reconvened the meeting in open session; she noted that a quorum was present and that no action was taken in Executive Session. Dr. Caracostis state that the Committee will now take action on item "C" of the executive session agenda.	
<b>VII. Adjournment</b>	There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.	

I certify that the foregoing are the Minutes of the Meeting of the Quality Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Harris Health System held on April 8, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Caracostis, MD, MPH, Committee Chair

Recorded by Cherry A. Joseph, MBA

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025**  
**Harris Health Board of Trustees Quality Committee Attendance**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Dr. Andrea Caracostis ( <i>Committee Chair</i> )	Afsheen Davis	
Sima Ladjevardian	Dr. Cody Pyke	

HARRIS HEALTH EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP, STAFF & SPECIAL INVITED GUESTS	
Alexander Barrie	Louis Smith
Amineh Kostov	Dr. Lori Timmons
Berrlyn Nelson	Maria Cowles
Carolynn Jones	Dr. Matasha Russell
Cherry Joseph	Matthew Reeder
Daniel Smith	Matthew Schlueter
Derek Curtis	Dr. Michael Nnadi
Ebon Swofford ( <i>Harris County Attorney's Office</i> )	Dr. Maureen Padilla
Dr. Esmaeil Porsa	Naomi Lockett
Dr. Esperanza "Hope" Galvan	Olga Rodriguez
Dr. Glorimar Medina	Omar Reid
Dr. Jackie Brock	Dr. Sandeep Markan
Dr. Jennifer Small	Sara Thomas ( <i>Harris County Attorney's Office</i> )
Jennifer Zarate	Shawn DeCosta
Jessey Thomas	Dr. Steven Brass
Jocelyn Thomas	Tekhesia Phillips
John Matcek	Dr. Tien Ko
Dr. Joseph Kunisch	Tiffani Dusang
Lindsey "Katie" Rutherford ( <i>Harris County Attorney's Office</i> )	Dr. Yashwant Chathampally

Virtual Attendee Notice: If you joined as a group and would like to be counted as present, please submit an email to: [BoardofTrustees@harrishealth.org](mailto:BoardofTrustees@harrishealth.org) before close of business the day of the meeting.


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[Harris Health Safety Message: Minute for Medicine Video](#)

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High-reliability Organization (HRO) Safety Message Video:

- Good Catches

  
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Yashwant Chathampally, MD, MSc  
Associate CMO & SVP, Quality & Patient Safety

# **High Reliability Organization (HRO)**

## **Safety Message**

### **Good Catches**

**Yashwant Chathampally, MD, MSc**  
**EVP & Chief Medical Executive, Quality & Patient Safety**

**Board of Trustees Quality Committee**  
**August 12, 2025**

**HARRISHEALTH**



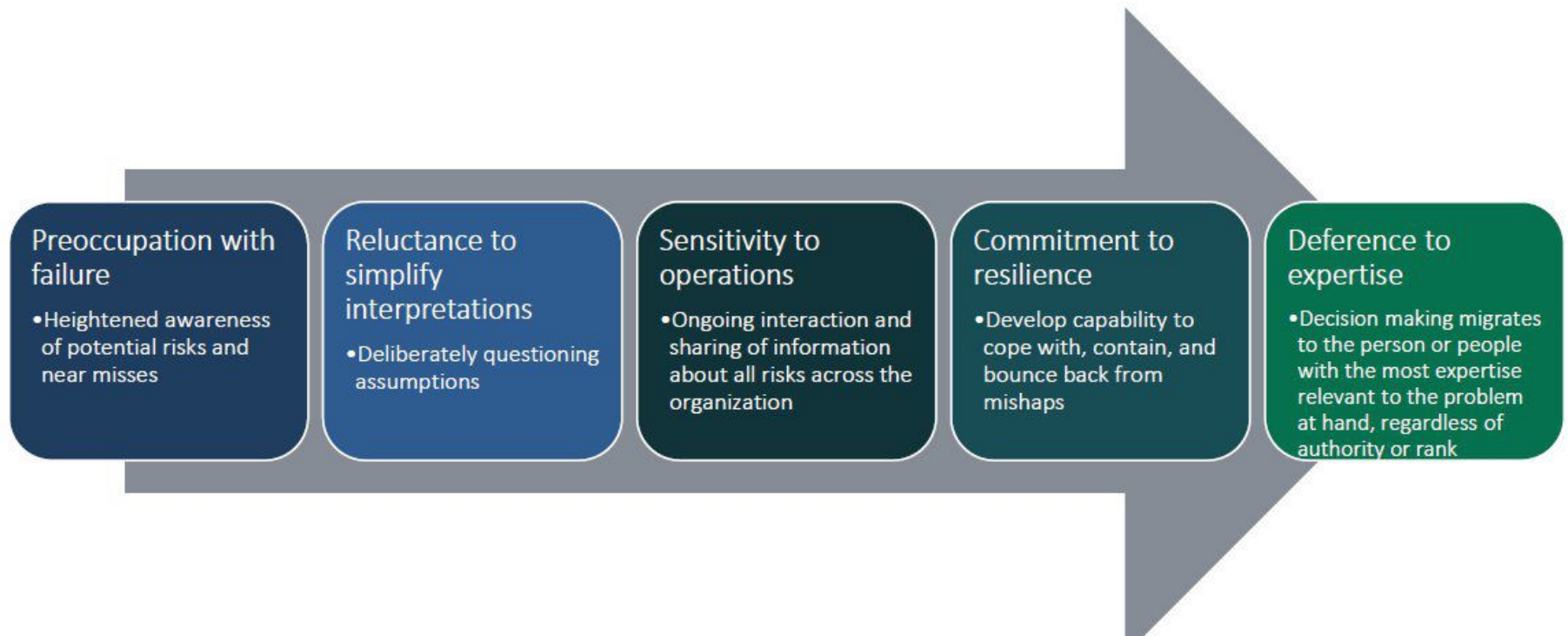
# SAFETY MESSAGE

**HARRIS  
HEALTH  
SYSTEM** | **ZERO  
HARM**

Safety 1st. Always.

**HARRISHEALTH**

# Five Principles of a High Reliability Organization



# HRO Mindset:

Harris Health System Minute For Medicine:

- Good Catches
- [https://youtu.be/NNwG6\\_g6VRc](https://youtu.be/NNwG6_g6VRc)

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O. Reggie Ekins, MD, CCHP-CP  
Chief Medical Officer - Correctional Health


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Executive Session

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